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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Inquiry light to sometimes good with interest noted for Thanksgiving needs. Some fresh interest noted in the East for upcoming early April holidays. Offerings light to adequate with some processors still not producing whole turkeys yet. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on drums, full-cut wings and necks. Bulk parts demand light with exports influencing the availability of drums.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment mixed on tom 2-joint wings with some buyers reluctant to buy at the 30 cent price level and bidding lower, frozen thigh meat steady to firm. Demand for Russia light. Trading light in the East with tom drums noted at higher price levels.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-115

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	88-95
BREASTS 10-12#	143-154
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-81
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	63-64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63-64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-75

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/		
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 01 MARCH 1999.

Trade sentiment generally steady on tom breast meat with different levels of confidence noted in the market, balance of white meat steady to firm. Bulk parts trade sentiment steady to fully steady with exports the main driver for drums and the strong white meat market having an influence on full-cut wings. Two joint wing undertone mixed with the domestic market stronger than the export. Some fresh tom wings noted at 24 cents delivered and frozen mature thigh meat 46 cents shipping point.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	95.75	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	21.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	19.33	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	30.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	36.00		36.00	40
NECKS, TOM		R	22.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	195.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	210.00		210.00	80
THIGH MEAT		R	48.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	50.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	110.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	143.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	65.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.75	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.70	520
TAILS		F	21.41	370
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	49.67	384

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.